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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR ENRG ID VS

SUBJ: ENERGY: GOI-GVN CONTINENTAL SHELF DISPUTE

REF: JAKARTA 13096

1. WE APPRECIATE JAKARTA'S COMMENTS ON GOI-GVN CONTINENTAL SHELF DISPUTE.

2. IN ORDER TO CLARIFY STATE OF PLAY ONCE MORE, WE DISCUSSED IT AGAIN WITH TRAN VAN KHOI, GENERAL MANAGER OF PETROLEUM AND MINERALS AGENCY. HE CONFIRMED AGAIN THAT IT HAD BEEN AGREED WITH DJALAL, SECRETARY OF INDONESIAN DELEGATION TO LOS CONFERENCE IN CARACAS, THAT RESOLUTION OF OVERLAPPING CLAIMS WOULD BE IN MUTUAL INTEREST OF TWO COUNTRIES, THAT IT WAS INDONESIA'S TURN TO HOST TECHNICAL TALKS IN JAKARTA, AND THAT INDONESIA SHOULD ISSUE INVITATION. KHOI ALSO SAID THAT SO FAR NEITHER INDONESIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REP PRINGGOWERONO IN SAIGON NOR HIS COUNTERPART IN JAKARTA (NANG) HAS HAD ANY WORD ABOUT AN INDONESIAN INVITATION. KHOI INDICATED HE WAS ANXIOUS TO RESOLVE PROBLEM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BECAUSE HE FELT THAT ANY ADDITIONAL DISCOVERIES OF HYDROCARBONS IN OR NEAR DISPUTED AREA WOULD MAKE TWO PARTIES MORE RELUCTANT THAN EVER TO COMPROMISE.

3. WE HAVE NO INDICATION GVN IS THINKING OF ANYTHING BUT TECHNICAL TALKS. WE HAVE NO REASON DOUBT GVN READINESS SEND
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TECHNICAL NEGOTIATING TEAM TO JAKARTA.

4. WE SUGGEST EMBASSY JAKARTA CHECK WITH AN APPROPRIATE GOI
OFFICIAL TO DETERMINE GOI VIEW AS TO WHO IS EXPECTED TO MAKE
NEXT MOVE IN ARRANGING TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS.
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